

U. D. C.

Celebration Was a Grand Success in Spite of the Weather.

The U. D. C. Chapter John L. Owen, was to have given a picnic at North park June 3, 1908, but it rained so hard that all of the program was held at the opera house.

First, the Palmyra band arrived and rendered many numbers of sweet music splendidly, and right here permit us to say, the war is over, for in spite of the band playing a medley containing bars of Dixie within 300 yards of where the memorable Monroe battle was fought, and the streets crowded with people, the "Rebel Yell" was conspicuous by its absence.

After the people had completely filled the opera house, Master of Ceremonies, Roy Meriwether, requested Rev. Dr. E. McNair to open with prayer. He stepped forward under the decorations of red and white and beneath the red silk bearing two white diagonal strips containing thirteen stars bowing his gray head poured forth his appeal to God for blessings.

The veterans, Rev. Dr. E. McNair, James M. Nickell, J. H. McClintic, Charles Jordon and Senator W. S. McClintic occupied seats of honor on the stage with the speakers.

And then the inimitable, Hon. J. P. Boyd, was introduced and delivered the address of welcome. Hon. Geo. A. Mahan, of Hannibal, in the response, wore a wreath of sweet but thornless roses for the LOST CAUSE and the U. D. C's.

And then, tell it not in Gath, the master of ceremonies "fumbled" in his introduction of Hon. Will Hays, of Hannibal, who was the speaker of the afternoon (for some unaccountable reason Senator W. J. Stone failed to keep his date with the organization) by introducing him: as the Rev. Hon. J. Will Hays. It brought the house down and came within an ace of throwing Hon. Hays down, in spite of his size. After Hon. Hays had finished his address, he called for Dixie by the band and the "Rebel Yell" and got both with a vim.

The quartet composed of Messrs A. Jaeger, jr., and Harry Jarman and Misses Pearl and Ruby Forsythe rendered a number that was highly appreciated.

Miss Katherine Henderson recited "The U. D. C. Cross" which was a gem from every view point.

Miss Anna May Boulware, president of the U. D. C's, assisted by her lieutenants Mrs. T. M. Boulware, Misses Marguerite McClintic, Anna Jordon and Jessie Henderson conferred and pinned the confederate Cross of Honor upon the old veterans, Rev. Dr. McNair, Charles Jordon, J. H. McClintic and James M. Nickell. The scene became effecting when two of the daughters, Mrs. Boulware and Miss Jordon attached the bronze cross to the breast of their fathers, J. M. Nickell and Charles Jordon.

John Ryan was also decorated with a cross, but he arrived late and it was done as the people were dispersing.

At 6 o'clock the banquet of two hundred and twenty-five plates was served by the U. D. C's. at the city hall and such a banquet; talk about food fit for the gods, the ancients were not in it at that feast because it was one such as none but

women of the sunny Southland do ever, or can ever, serve.

The list of salads would have turned an epicure green with envy, the bread like driven snow, the butter smelled of cow peas and red clover, the chicken, ham, cold tongue, and, but it is too long. Ole Black Mammy must have made the coffee and fixed the pickles, pies. "oh Lordy" such pies, lemon, chocolate and a list of 'em like the meats, and the cakes like the pies and the lemonade, well some woman, a lover of good things must have made it.

If any of the two hundred and twenty-five at the banquet should have passed away before morning the only fitting epitaph would have been: killed by kindness of the U. D. C's. And yet one of their number said: eat all you want, all you can for a Southern woman's cooking does not hurt one.

Monroe has never known anything as completely perfect all the way through as the U. D. C picnic which was held under a roof instead of under the elms

Miss Daisy Handley spent Sunday with friends in Macon.

Bud and Charles Dooley, of Stoutsville were business visitors in this city Friday.

Mrs. Pritchett White and Miss Mary Carson were with Shelbyna friends Thursday.

Miss Jessie Briggs, of Hydesburg has been visiting her cousin, Miss Fannie Abbott.

Miss Bertha Derks was called to St. Petersburg, Ill., Friday by the illness of a sister.

Mrs. A. Melson and Miss Anna Jordon spent Saturday with friends in the Gem City.

Miss Virginia Bell returned Saturday from Cairo, Ill. where she has been teaching school.

Miss Dixie Dean, of Shelbyna arrived Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Robert M. Spalding.

Thos. J. Proctor, of Chicago, visited his parents J. M. Proctor and wife Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Addie Brown, of Hannibal has been the guest of her kinsman, Henry G. Fuqua and family.

Misses Essie Stillion and Maude Campbell, of Hunnewell has been with friends in this city.

Mrs. James Bush, of Bear Creek arrived Friday to visit her parents, William Tulley and wife.

Ed Bross, of Northeast of the city came in Thursday because he was enroute to Burnt Bacon to transact some business.

Dr. Thomas Proctor was in Hannibal, Thursday looking after plans being drawn by an architect, for his new home.

The boys say: Jim Barnes, of Ely has a pretty sorrell horse for sale. But one can't sometimes most always tell.

Mrs. Dee Gentry and daughter, Miss Vodia, spent Friday with their son and brother, Tandy, in Hannibal.

Mrs. Robert Woodson, of Galesburg, Ill., arrived Friday morning to visit friends. Upon arrival here she was suffering considerable with a sprained ankle sustained in a fall that morning.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE.

THE SEVENTIETH annual session of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Missouri met at Excelsior Springs Tuesday, May 19, 1908, at 9:00 a. m., Grand Master S. F. Clark in the chair and the following Past Grand officers present:

S. F. Clark	Grand Master
W. T. Marshall	Deputy Grand Master
Rev. James L. Sullens	Grand Warden
J. W. Wilkerson	Grand Secretary
Charles F. Vogel	Grand Treasurer
J. W. Wilkerson	Grand Representative
Lucian J. Eastin	Grand Representative
Rev. A. Stirling	Grand Chaplain
George A. Long	Grand Marshal
C. C. Craver	Grand Conductor
A. G. Hartley	Grand Guardian
John W. Black	Grand Herald

The following Grand Masters also answered roll call:

Abercrombia, Alexander, Cadie, Calder, Carnes, Eastin, Jewett, Lloyd, Loran, Lydy, Marling, Shipley, Smith, Thomas, Dr. A. A. Wheeler, Dr. W. S. Wheeler and J. W. Wilkerson.

After the usual opening of ceremonies, the report of the committee on credentials showed that of the 100 Grand Representatives 97 were present. In the naming of the regular standing committees your representative was again placed on the finance committee. The appointment of these committees and other preliminary work consumed the hours of the morning session and at 11:30 the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday 9:00 a. m., an excursion to the Odd Fellows Home having been previously arranged for the afternoon.

At 1:30 the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, accompanied by other members of the order, to the number of 658 made the trip to Liberty, a distance of only sixteen miles, and visited the Home. Here a special program, given by the Odd Fellows Home band and the children of the Home, was given in a way to entertain the visitors and show the almost perfect discipline and educational drill that is being maintained by those in charge of the Home. The main building, the school building and the old folk's home were all open for inspection and we found everything in fine condition. The surroundings have been planted and graded under the direction of a landscape gardener and unsightly places have been filled and beautified until in the near future the grounds of the Odd Fellows' Home at Liberty will be counted as one of the most beautiful gardens in our state. This report—necessarily short on account of my limited time—is too meager to allow me to do justice in the way of a description of your splendid institution at Liberty, even if your representative could find words adequate to express his admiration and appreciation of the Home. The men and women who are so freely giving of their time and money in perfecting the home are building a monument to their memories that will live in the heart of Odd Fellow for all time to come.

At the opening on Wednesday morning 193 Past Grands were given Past Official and Grand Lodge degrees and introduced. This number was added to from time to time until fully 300 Past Grands were made members of the Grand Lodge. The morning session was used in the consideration of the reports of the Grand officers.

The report of the Grand Master showed that he had devoted his entire time to the work, traveled more than 28,000 miles and visited almost every part of the jurisdiction. He reports the order in a prosperous condition throughout the jurisdiction with a promising outlook for the future. He has made a splendid record and future results will count much to his credit.

The Grand Secretary made a fine report of the condition of the order and the work accomplished during the year. The report of last year gave us 735 lodges which was an error of six lodges. Two lodges have been lost by consolidation and twenty-six new charters issued, making 753 lodges in working order. The membership has increased from 55,081 to 58,768—a grand showing when the financial conditions of the last half of the year are considered.

One of the most interesting features of the report was a statistical table of membership of the order since its organization in the state in 1838, showing that 169,844 have joined the order, 50,666 have withdrawn by cards to go to other states, 8,385 have been expelled, 9,189 have died and 67,336 have been suspended for non-payment of dues. During the same period we have paid out \$2,689,297.71 for relief.

The Grand Secretary reported that the veteran's jewel, ordered at last grand session, had been awarded to Judge E. H. Norton, of Platte City, who has held continuous membership in Nebraska Lodge No. 12, at Platte City, for 63 years. The awarding of this jewel has brought out the fact that our state contains a number of brothers who have been members fifty years or more and our Grand Secretary is preparing a roster of these names.

Wednesday forenoon was also largely used in consideration of the reports and the submission of proposed changes, which under the rules must be referred to proper committees for later action.

In the election of Grand Warden on Wednesday Past Grand D. E. Bird, of Kansas City, was selected on the first ballot. Bro. Bird was formerly a member of Comet Lodge No. 284, Quilman, and is well-known to the membership of District No. 16 as well as the brotherhood of the entire state.

The greater part of the time of this session was used by the Grand Lodge as Committee of the Whole in the consideration and adoption of the new Grand Lodge Constitution. The new laws as sent out last year were adopted with but little change as a matter of fact those laws are not very interesting to the members of our subordinate lodges and I shall not devote too much time to a discussion of the changes. The most radical change was the doing away with the Odd Fellows' Home board and putting the property and management of that institution into the hands of the Grand Lodge trustees. Another important change was the admission of the members of the Rebekah degree to full privileges of the Home after a five-years membership in the order.

The 1907 laws for subordinate lodges were not changed to any great extent—only a few sections were disturbed and in most cases these changes were in laws that did not conform to the new Sovereign Grand Lodge laws. The Grand Secretary will soon have these changes made and three copies will be sent to each lodge.

In the unfortunate controversy between the Grand Lodge and White Cloud Lodge No. 92, of Maryville, the Grand Master was fully sustained and the charter of the lodge was surrendered. The lodge management took an appeal, which will delay re-organization that could otherwise have been made at an early date, and we hope it may soon be permanently settled, but until such time the least said about the matter will be the best.

Late Friday afternoon the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year were installed.

Judge W. T. Marshall, Charleston, Grand Master; Rev. J. Sullens, Springfield, Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Wilkerson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary; Charles F. Vogel, St. Louis, Grand Treasurer; D. E. Bird, Kansas City, Grand Warden. S. F. Clark, Webb City; L. J. Eastin, St. Joseph, representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the World, which meets in Denver in September.

Appointive offices were filled as follows: Thomas J. Douglass, Caruth Grand Marshal; Rev. A. Stirling, Gunn City, Grand Chaplain; J. C. Russell, East Prairie, Grand Conductor; Leo L. Lemon, Springfield, Grand Guardian; John W. Black, St. Louis, Grand Herald.

There are a number of other things I would like to say to you, but space forbids. I will gladly answer any questions you may send and will try to visit each lodge in our district at an early date. I wish that more of our Past Grands could visit the Grand Lodge meetings and catch some of the enthusiasm and fraternal spirit that prevails on these occasions. In many ways this was a remarkable session—remarkable for the amount of work done, for the earnestness of the workers and for the good feelings manifested in spite of the great interests at stake. Another good feature of this session was the conduct of the new members, 60 per cent being first termers, yet the work was dispatched with the ability and care of old timers. It was a credit to be a member of the Grand Lodge of 1908 and I predict the next session, which will be held in Springfield, May 1909, will be a good one in many ways. I cannot close the letter without saying a good word for the Grand Officers of the year just closed. Grand Master Clark devoted his entire time visiting almost every part of the jurisdiction. Grand Secretary Wilkerson is still the same rustling, pushing, energetic "Billy" Wilkerson and is planning for other big things in the future. Let us give him and our new Grand Master our hearty support in building up the interests of our noble order.

A. J. SHEPARD.

MONROE CITY, MO.

Broken Arm.

Thursday, 9 year old Joe Elliott, step-son of Frank Kendrick, fell out of the barn loft and broke his left arm. Dr. Miles reduced the fracture and left the little fellow resting easy.

Miss Isla Terrill, one of the pretty girls of Bowling Green, has been spending several days with friends in this her former home.

Dr. Woods or A. E. Kidd, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Quincy, will be at Hotel Maddox, Monroe City, Friday, June 12, from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. Glasses fitted.

Bring your shoe repairing to the Second Hand Store and get them half soled. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices Low.

Re-Issued.

The license for the pool room was re-issued at regular meeting of the council. But the "chip" feature of the game was cut out. Several granitoid sidewalks were also ordered made.

Miss Alice Clark left Sunday for Mexico where she is to be married the 15th at the home of her aunt, Mrs. P. E. Locke, to L. J. Schrenk of Chicago.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Anna May daughter of Mrs. Laura Wood Boulware and Lamar Maddox Wood at Christian Church in this city on the 17th inst. It will be one of the notable social events of the season.

Have those shoes shined at Streans Barber Shop.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 4 gives the result of boiler explosion on the war ship Tennessee as four killed and eight wounded. There has been more men killed by accidents in the navy in the past ten years, than in battle.

Dan S. Sharp, of East St. Louis and his twin brother, Dave S. Sharp, of Emden were with Monroe friends Friday. Both gentlemen were quite popular when residents of this city.

Shave at Strean's Barber Shop.

Dr. A. M. Wood, of Lentner was with his brother, Lamar, Sunday. The Dr. was enroute home from the National Medical Convention held at Chicago.